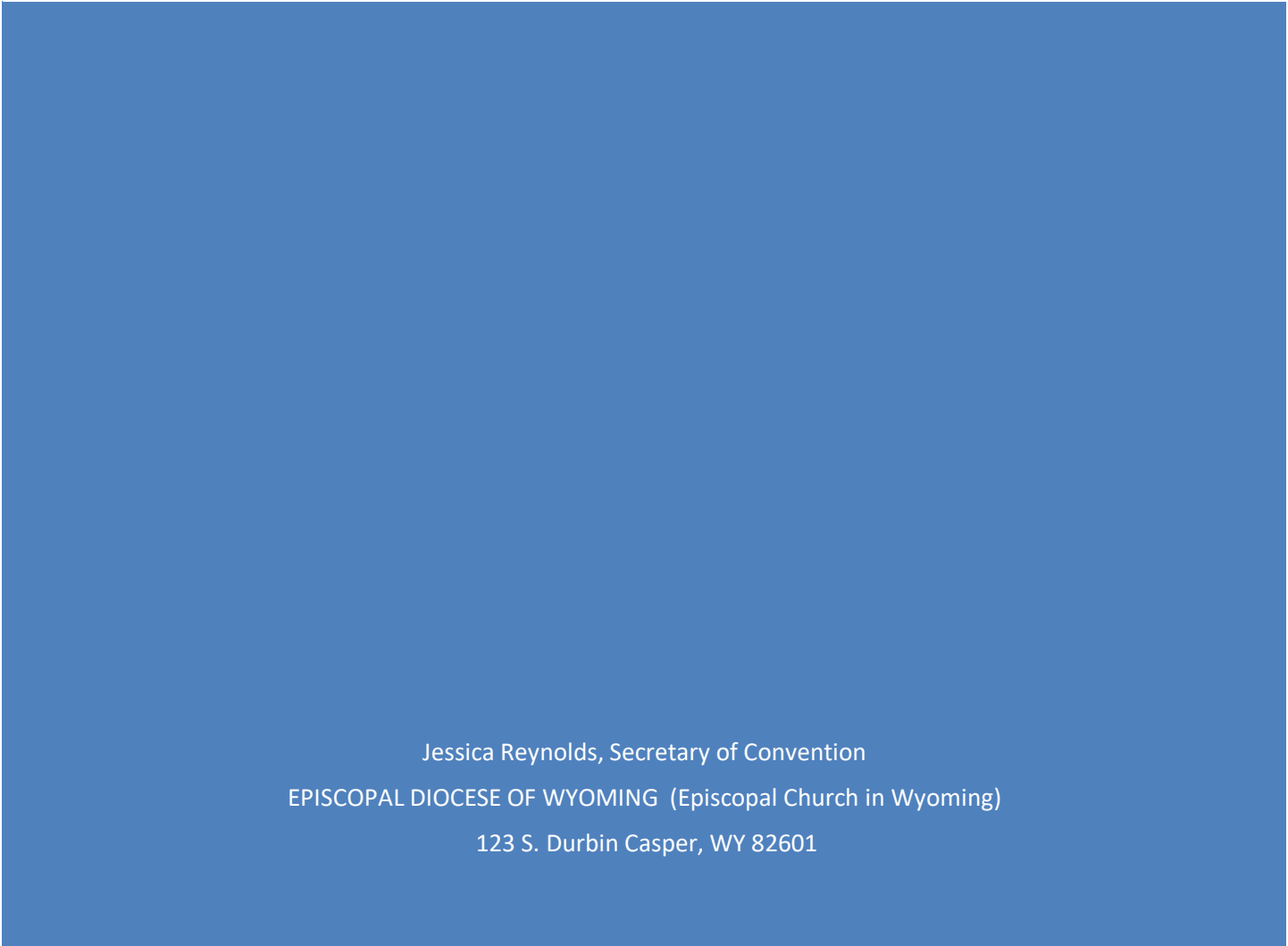




2021 CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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Business Meeting
October 29 and 30, 2021

The 55th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming assembled at The Snow King Resort in Jackson Wyoming on October 29th, beginning at 9 am.

The Revd Megan Nickels, Powell, provided an opening prayer.

The Rt. Revd Paul-Gordon Chandler, Bishop of Wyoming, called the Convention to order and welcomed everyone to Jackson. The Bishop thanked everyone present and went over some new aspects changes of this year's Convention. The Bishop then expressed his gratitude to the Diocesan staff and St. John's Jackson for all they have done to help set up this year's Convention. Those present from St. John's were asked to stand.

Bishop Paul-Gordon also introduced the Wyoming Service Corps – Mary Bach, Zachary Nichols, Eva Petersen, Michael Fenn, Andrew Stump and Sidnee Everhart - and thanked them for making the trip to Jackson and also for all they have been doing around the state. He went on to introduce Allen Doyle who serves as the director of the Wyoming Service Corps.

Lastly he introduced this year's keynote speaker, Brian McLaren.

Credentials:

Credentials Committee Chair, Ms. Taimi Kuiva, Laramie announced there were 53 clergy, 72 delegates and 51 guests and 39 churches represented. She stated there was a quorum.

Committees:

Bishop Paul-Gordon then identified the Convention Committees:

Committee on Resolutions

The Revd Kristin Lee, Cheyenne, Chair
The Revd Thomas Ketner, Douglas
Mr. Peter Nicolaysen, Casper
The Revd Peggy Hotchkiss, Saratoga

Committee on the Next Convention

The Revd Douglas Sunderland, Chair
The Revd Mary Caucutt, Cody
Allen Doyle, Cody
Laurel McKeen, Powell

Committee on Nominations and Elections

Jeff Bell, Canterbury House, Chair
The Revd Brian Nystrom, Jackson

Committee on Credentials

Taimi Kuiva, Laramie, Chair
Susan Brewer, Sundance

A motion was made to grant seat and voice to all those present. Seconded and carried.

A motion was made to have Peter Nicolaysen, Casper, as Chancellor for the Diocese, Jackie Hotle, Casper, as Treasurer for the Diocese, Jessica Reynolds, Casper, as the Secretary of Convention. Seconded and carried.

Bishop Paul-Gordon announced that the Budget hearing would be held at 4:00 pm that same day.

The Business of Convention was recessed until Saturday afternoon.

Saturday, October 30, 2021

The Business Meeting of the Convention reconvened at 2:30 pm. Bishop Paul-Gordon called the meeting to order.

An opening prayer was provided by Peter Clark, Sheridan.

The Revd Joel Dingman, Sheridan, gave an update on HR Camp and our relationship with Wyoming Rescue Mission. He stated that there may be opportunities for churches to go to camp in the future and be served by those using the camp.

The Revd Jim Shumard, Casper, gave an update on the Diocese's efforts to start a refugee program in Wyoming. He stated that the offering at the Sunday morning closing service would go towards this effort.

Credentials:

Taimi Kuiva, Chair, announced there were 60 clergy, 78 delegates, 59 guests, 41 churches represented and we did have a quorum.

A motion was made to dispense of oral reports. Seconded and carried.

A motion was made to limit discussion to two minutes per person. Seconded and carried.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the 54th annual convention. Seconded and carried.

Nominations:

Jeff Bell, Laramie, Chair of the nominations committee announced the following open Committee and Board positions:

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

- One (1) lay person (3-year term)
- One (1) clergy person (3-year term)
- One (1) Youth person (1 year)

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

- Two (2) clergy persons (3-year term)
- Two (2) lay persons (3-year term)

STANDING COMMITTEE

- One (1) lay person (3-year term)
- One (1) clergy person (3-year term)

The Chair then stated that he would go through each committee to ask for nominations from the floor. The nominations from the floor and other actions occurred as follows:

Diocesan Council: Ryan Miller was nominated from the floor for the open youth position. A motion was made to close nominations. Seconded and carried. A motion was made to accept Ryan Miller and The Revd Doug Wasinger, Buffalo, by acclamation. Seconded and carried.

Disciplinary Board: No nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made to close nominations. Seconded and carried. A motion was made to accept David Blair, Casper, Pamela Glasser, Dubois, The Revd Megan Nickles, Powell and The Revd Rick Veit, Cheyenne, by acclamation. Seconded and carried.

Standing Committee: No nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made to close nominations. Seconded and carried. A motion was made to accept Linda McElwain, Cheyenne, by acclamation. Seconded and carried.

The first ballot was cast to elect members for Diocesan Council, and a clergy member for Standing Committee.

Jeff Bell, Laramie, reported that Kim McAtee had been elected to serve on the Diocesan Council.

Jeff Bell, Laramie, reported that The Revd Pamela Bright had been elected to serve on the Standing Committee.

Clergy:

Bishop Paul-Gordon welcomed the new clergy to the Diocese and noted clergy changes over this past year.

Ordained to the Diaconate

Judith Lynne Matthews, June 12, 2021

Karen Walker, July 10, 2021

Ordained to the Priesthood

Michael Evers, May 22nd, 2021

Annemarie Delgado, June 19, 2021

Paul Crips, October 23, 2021

Clergy Received

None

Clergy Transferred

Ronald A. Johnson, October 20, 2020, Diocese of Ohio

Clergy Deceased

Gus Salbador, November 28th, 2020

Cliff Moore, December 13th, 2020

Ronald Sims, January 12, 2021

Ray Grieb, January 22, 2021

Velma Chavez, February 19, 2021

Elizabeth Shelton, April 16, 2021

Kale King, July 15, 2021

Clergy Retired

The Revd Rawlin Friday, January 1, 2021

Clergy Renounced

None

Bishop Paul-Gordon prayed for those who had passed away.

Budget:

Jackie Hotle, Treasurer of the Diocese, and Jessica Reynolds, Canon for Finance and Administration, introduced the 2022 Budget and stated that a hearing had been held on Friday afternoon.

A motion to accept the 2023 Budget as presented was made. Seconded and carried {See Program and Budget for a copy of the approved budget}.

Bishop Paul-Gordon thanked Jackie Hotle and Jessica Reynolds for all their hard work.

The Revd Warren Murphy, Cody, gave a history snippet to the Convention.

Press Stephens, Cody, gave an art presentation to the Convention.

Resolutions:

The Revd Kristin Lee, Cheyenne, gave the report of the Resolutions Committee and announced that there were no resolutions.

Education for Ministry and IONA:

Bishop Paul-Gordon acknowledged and presented gifts to this year's graduates of the IONA school.

Bishop Paul-Gordon announced the names of those who had graduated from EfM.

Bishop Appointments for 2022

Bishop Paul-Gordon announced his Committee appointments:

Commission on Ministry	The Revd Walt Seeley, Chair, The Revd David McElwain and The Revd Karen Walker and Lili Turnell
Ecumenical Officer	The Revd Warren Murphy
Episcopal Relief and Development	The Revd Sydney Johnson and the Revd Linda Anderson
Worship	The Revd Megan Nickles
Wyoming Interfaith Network	The Revd Warren Murphy

Committee on Next Convention:

The Revd Douglas Sunderland, Cody, invited everyone to the 56th Annual convention in Cody on October 7-9, 2022 and announced that John Philip Newell will be our keynote speaker.

John Angst, Dubois, asked for point of personal privilege and gave thanks to the new Bishop and his wife, Lynne, and presented them with a gift.

The Revd Michael Evers, Sheridan, provided the closing prayer.